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TOPIC Reorganization of Volkspolizei Dienststelle 2942 in Gotha

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REMARKS

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1. The reorganization of Volkspolizei Dienststelle (VPD) 2942 in Gotha began on 10 January 1952. Although the personnel strength of the VPD was reduced and amounted to only between 800 to 1,000 police by 4 February, the VPD was reorganized to conform with the organizational structure of a division. The reduction in personnel strength was due to an order directing the Abteilungen to furnish non-commissioned police as cadre personnel for the newly activated companies and batteries. Although the infantry Kommandos continued to consist of five Abteilungen each, the Zuege of the Abteilungen no longer had the same size as formerly. The new Zuege were to be raised to the level of companies, with each company again being subdivided into three platoons. The artillery Kommando, composed previously of a headquarters Zug and four Abteilungen, was reorganized into five batteries, with the 5th Battery, formerly the 6th Sonderabteilung, as a heavy mortar unit. In contrast to the previous organizational structure, the new batteries were divided into only one headquarters platoon and one fire platoon. As the engineer Sonderabteilung was merged with the infantry Kommandos, the remaining five Sonderabteilungen were allegedly also to be affected by the reorganization. From the method of training observed, 25X1 the 1st through 3d Batteries of the artillery Kommando were equipped with 76.2-mm guns; the 4th Btry with 122-mm guns; and the 5th Btry with heavy mortars. The 5th Btry numbered 4 officers and 15 police personnel by 4 February. *

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2. Officers of the VPD 25X1 included VP Inspekteur Vogel (fnu), commanding officer; VP Oberrat Schober (fnu), chief of staff; VP Oberrat Zimmerlinkat (fnu), chief instructor of artillery training; VP Rat Schulze (fnu), administrative officer; and VP Rat Kloth (fnu), commanding officer of the 4th Kommando. VP Oberrat Fritsche (fnu), previously PK chief, was replaced by an officer 25X1

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* 25X1 Comment. It is believed that, when the 6th Sonderabteilungen of the VPDs were broken up, all of the officers and about one third of the enlisted police were reassigned to the artillery Kommando to constitute the 5th Hiv Mort Abteilung; while the remaining two thirds of the enlisted police were distributed to the infantry Kommandos. 25X1

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